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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. Boren introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "State-Designated Wild
- 5 and Scenic Rivers Protection Act".

1 SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF STATE-DESIGNATED RIVERS.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a) of the Wild and Sce-
- 3 nic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1273(a)) is amended by insert-
- 4 ing after the second sentence the following new sentence:
- 5 "Beginning on the date of receipt of an application by the
- 6 Secretary under clause (ii) and until the earlier of the date
- 7 of the approval or disapproval by the Secretary of the ap-
- 8 plication or the date that is 3 years after the date of re-
- 9 ceipt of the application, the river that is the subject of
- 10 the application shall be protected as if the river were in-
- 11 cluded in the system.".
- 12 (b) Transition Provision.—A river for which an
- 13 application under section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic
- 14 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1273(a)(ii)) is pending with the
- 15 Secretary of the Interior on the date of enactment of this
- 16 Act shall be protected as described in the third sentence
- 17 of section 2(a) of such Act (as added by subsection (a)),
- 18 except that the protection shall begin on the date of re-
- 19 ceipt of the application and continue until the earlier of
- 20 the date of the approval or disapproval by the Secretary
- 21 of the Interior of the application or the date that is 3 years
- 22 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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